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## Auxier receives 90-day jail sentence

By DOMNICK HADLEY  
Missourian Reporter

Nearly two months after pleading guilty to felony statutory rape, former Maryville teacher Vicki Auxier was sentenced to five years probation and 90 days of jail time for her sexual relationship with a former student.

During the sentencing hearing Circuit Court Judge Roger Prokes said that the 90-day sentence was appropriate because of the impact that Auxier's action had on society and other dedicated teachers.

In early discussions with Special Prosecutor Dwight Scroggins and defense attorney Robert Sundell, Prokes indicated that he would consider probation as a plausible punishment.

"All of society was a victim of this," Prokes said. "Our society struggles as far as education, but the rest of the dedicated teachers don't need to have this cloud hanging over their heads."

Auxier was arrested in February after a month-long investi-



Vicki Auxier

gation by the Maryville Public Safety revealed that she had multiple sexual encounters with the victim, who at the time was 16 years old.

During the course of the sentencing, Auxier issued tearful apologies to all of the individuals involved in the case.

"There are a lot of people in this courtroom that I have hurt," Auxier said. "But I

didn't set out to hurt anyone and I apologize for the hurt and humiliation that I've caused. I just hope that all of the people

involved can forgive me so that I can forgive myself," she said.

Auxier's son, Erick, testified that his mother realized that her actions were clearly wrong, and that no amount of jail time could amount to the emotional distress she's endured.

"My life has been turned upside down. When I come back from college I come back to an unfamiliar home," he said. "If she could take it all back, I'm sure she would in a heartbeat ... I don't believe that any jail time would shock her because she has already suffered a greater punishment."

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PHOTO BY COLE YOUNG/SPORTS EDITOR

Wrapped in yellow tape and adorned with a note detailing its uncertain future, Northwest's only horse chestnut tree is at the heart of debate among students, who insist the tree remain, and contractors, who say the tree must come down for the construction of new residence halls.

## Students launch crusade to save campus tree

By ANDY TIMKO  
Chief Reporter

A lifelong Northwest staple may soon be leaving its roots behind when the demolition and rebuilding of Hudson and Perrin Halls begins in the spring.

The 50-year-old Horse chestnut tree (Aesculus hippocastanum) on the south side of Hudson Hall is the only one of its species on campus and it found itself in danger when the new residence hall plans were revealed.

"The problem is that it finds itself right in the middle of the new Hudson/Perrin complex," Johnson said. "Moving that particular tree would cost in the tens of thousands of dollars and even then, the outlook would not look good."

The Horse chestnut is native to parts of southern Europe and southern Asia, is widely planted throughout Europe and Britain as a shade tree that flowers in spring.

A characteristic unique to the Horse chestnut is its large leaves that are clean and medium green in spring. Each leaf has seven leaflets, and each leaflet is obovate (widest in its upper half near the apex), with a very short blunt tip.

Since Monday two Northwest students, Nicole Koeltzow and Kim Watson, have been posting flyers around campus asking students to help save the tree.

Koeltzow and Watson are taking the Local Flora class and were told by their professor that the tree may be cut down to make room for the new halls.

"Kim sent in a comment card and Lezlee Johnson, (associate director of Environmental Services) wrote back saying she could not do anything about it, even though she wants to save the tree," Koeltzow said. "So Kim and I decided that we want to try and save the tree."

Along with Local Flora, the Horse chestnut is also used for research in the Woody Landscape class, but that's not the extent of the tree's purposes. The tree is also

listed as the first tree in the University's Tree Walk pamphlet.

Despite the concern, Porterfield believes the construction plans need to continue as soon as an agreement can be reached.

"It's clearly in harm's way, but it's a project that needs to move on so the issue clearly needs to be resolved," he said.

Porterfield is working with Johnson to come up with a solution for the problem.

"About the only solution I have right now is committing to getting more Horse chestnut trees to plant elsewhere on campus," Johnson said. "Moving that particular tree would cost in the tens of thousands of dollars and even then, the outlook would not look good."

According to Johnson, the University has had a commitment with the arboretum to have more than one tree of a certain species on campus, but they had not yet started planting new Horse chestnuts.

Another problem that they've run into is finding a suitable tree to plant because the tree is not native to Missouri and they don't want to plant trees that are only four or five feet tall.

"They haven't been locally available and we're looking to find something that has a little more impact on the landscape," she said. "Small trees are just not very visible on the landscape."

Porterfield and Johnson both acknowledged the students' interest in the issue and hope they continue to pursue their goal in saving the tree.

Koeltzow and Watson are looking for support from other students and faculty and have marked the tree with yellow caution tape to show their determination.

"I would like to see the University leave a 50-year-old landmark stand," Watson said. "We are an arboretum and this destruction desecrates land that has been dedicated to growing trees and plants for many years."

## The Fight for Life



PHOTO COURTESY OF RODNEY SMITH

Maryville resident Christina Smith enjoys a Christmas play with her daughter, Gracen Himmelberg, Tuesday evening. Afterwards, she helped her daughter check her blood sugar levels. (Above) Himmelberg must do this eight to 10 times a day as part of being a type 1 diabetic. Smith is leading a fight to find a cure for the disease.

By SARAH SWEDBERG  
University News Editor

Hope. That's what drives Maryville resident Christina Smith each day to work with the thousands who want to find a cure for diabetes.

"I don't think we should no longer just accept this disease," Smith said. "I think that we really need to take a stand for diabetes and disease in general in America."

For Smith, type 1 diabetes affected her family when her daughter, Gracen Himmelberg, was diagnosed with the disease a year ago.

"You're just not really sure what you can do," she said. "You just try to learn how to live with the disease and try to

keep your child alive because it's a very life threatening disease."

Now, at the age of 5, Himmelberg gives herself insulin four times a day and checks her blood eight to 10 times a day. Himmelberg, along with up to two million Americans with type 1 diabetes, learn to live with the disease which develops when the body's immune cells mistakenly attack the insulin-producing islet cells of the pancreas. As islet cells die, insulin production ceases and blood sugar levels rise, damaging organs throughout the body. In type 1 diabetes, which is usually diagnosed in children and young adults, the body does not produce insulin.

To find a cure for the disease, Smith has joined the Iacocca Foundation and its Join Lee Now initiative as Missouri's state captain to help fund research by Denise Faustman, a doctor at Massachusetts General Hospital and an associate professor at Harvard Medical School. She made history by reversing and

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## Biopharming initiative not to affect UM merger plans

By AARON BAILEY  
Community News Editor

created uncertainty about a merger, that would create uncertainty."

As Northwest pursues a landmark venture into biopharming, the potential merger with the University of Missouri system has cooled down as state legislators and University officials focus their energies on the new initiative.

"There's a whole other set of questions: Is the merger the right thing long-term? And so on," Northwest President Dean Hubbard said. "That's what we'll have to discuss. But we agreed that we didn't want to mess (the biopharming initiative) up. If we

Please see 'Biopharming' on page A5

## State legislators visit Northwest campus: show support for potential impact

By ABBY SIMONS  
Editor in Chief

Lawmakers from throughout the state looked on as State Sen. David Klundt touted the bright future of biopharming. No doubt, the feeling of optimism could be cut with a knife.

"We may look back 10 years from now, and this may be the biggest turnaround for the state

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Friday 12/10

Sun and Wind  
High 44°F  
Low 34°F



Your Weekend Weather

Saturday 12/11

Partly Cloudy  
High 53°F  
Low 34°F



Sunday 12/12

Partly Cloudy  
High 46°F  
Low 25°F



## National News

## Pearl Harbor survivors honored

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (AP)—Tears ran down the wrinkled checks of 81-year-old Wayne Pease on Tuesday as he recalled the destruction he witnessed on Dec. 7, 1941.

"I had a bird's-eye view to watch five battleships go down," said Pease, who was an 18-year-old seaman aboard the USS Sicard destroyer when the Japanese launched a surprise attack on Pearl Harbor.

Pease, of Fort Myers, Fla., was among the dwindling number of survivors who returned to the site of their most haunting memories to honor fallen comrades on the 63rd anniversary of the assault.

"On December the 6th, I was a boy," Pease said. "On December the 7th, I became a man; suddenly, I grew up in one day. I grew up in two hours you might say."

Ceremonies were held on shore and on the gleaming white monument straddling the submerged USS Arizona.

The anniversary took on added meaning with U.S. troops still fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan. Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, saluted the nation's resilience, then and now.

"It was a day when weaker souls would have surrendered," Inouye said of the attack that thrust the United States into World War II. "It



PHOTO BY RONEN ZILBERMAN/ AP

Zenji Abe, 88, a Japanese dive-bomber pilot who participated in the attack on Pearl Harbor, signs an autograph on a model of a Japanese zero plane, at the annual Pearl Harbor Commemoration ceremony, in

was a day that gave real meaning to our name, the United States of America."

He added: "Today, the obstructions and challenges are many the ugly voices of hatred and the unconscionable actions of terrorism around us intending to make us

afraid."

Inouye, a recipient of the Medal of Honor, spoke to more than 1,000 people at the USS Arizona Memorial visitor center.

Just 17 and living in Honolulu at the time, he later lost his right arm serving in Europe as a member of the Army's distinguished 442nd Regimental Combat Team, made up almost entirely of Japanese-Americans.

A moment of silence at 7:55 a.m. marked the time bombs began to fall over the harbor. Hawaii Air National Guard jets roared overhead in a missing-man formation.

The somber ceremony, under overcast skies with an ocean breeze, concluded with a 21-gun salute and a Navy bugler playing "Taps."

"It's really neat to see them out here and see people that were in the war and experienced the whole thing," said Dave Casados, of Red Bluff, Calif. "It's a privilege to see them."

Other ceremonies were held around the country. In Little Rock, Ark., retired U.S. Air Corps Col. David Moffat recalled standing guard at an airfield when the attack began. "There was a state of confusion. Our weapons were locked up," he said. "One officer ran to his plane in pajamas."

LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE, Calif. (AP)—A commuter van from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory tumbled 200 feet off a twisting mountain road Wednesday, killing three people and injuring seven, at least four of them seriously, authorities said.

The van was carrying 10 people to the laboratory when it plunged off the Angeles Crest Highway in the Angeles National Forest at about 6:30 a.m. and rolled down a mountainside about 15 miles north of downtown Los Angeles, Los Angeles County Fire Department inspector Ron Haralson said.

"One person was able to get out of the van and make his way up to the road" to get help, Haralson said.

"It's a very, very sad day for all of us at JPL," Baggett said, adding that employees will be offered grief counseling.

Three people were pronounced dead at the scene. One person was flung from the van. Others lay trapped in the battered white van in the middle of a dense forest until firefighters arrived and tore off the doors to reach victims, who were then taken by helicopter to hospitals.

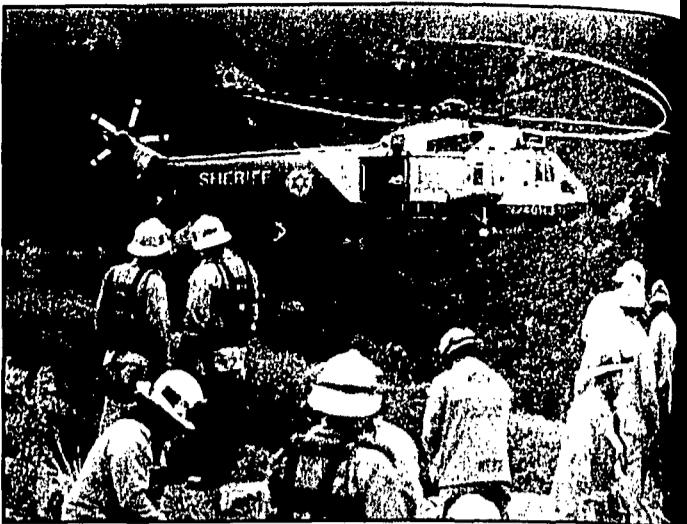


PHOTO BY PHIL MCINTYRE/AP

A Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department helicopter transporting victims of a van crash takes off from the Angeles National Forest in California, Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2004. A van from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory tumbled off a twisting mountain road in Southern California, resulting in multiple fatalities, according to authorities.

The cause of the accident is not immediately known. Clouds shrouded the site, at an altitude of 1,500 feet. Snow dotted the mountain, but the road itself was

daughters," said the girl's grandmother, Juliet Iantorno. "He gave his life and he took it away from them."

The victims' grandmother, Sheila Iantorno, had these words for Duvall. "He is a very sick, individual to pick on two little babies," she said during sentencing.

## Missouri News

## Man gets life for killing infant daughters

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—A Lee's Summit man was sentenced to life in prison after admitting he smothered his two infant daughters with a pillow.

Geoffrey Duvall, 24, pleaded guilty Tuesday to two counts of second-degree murder and one count of child abuse resulting in death.

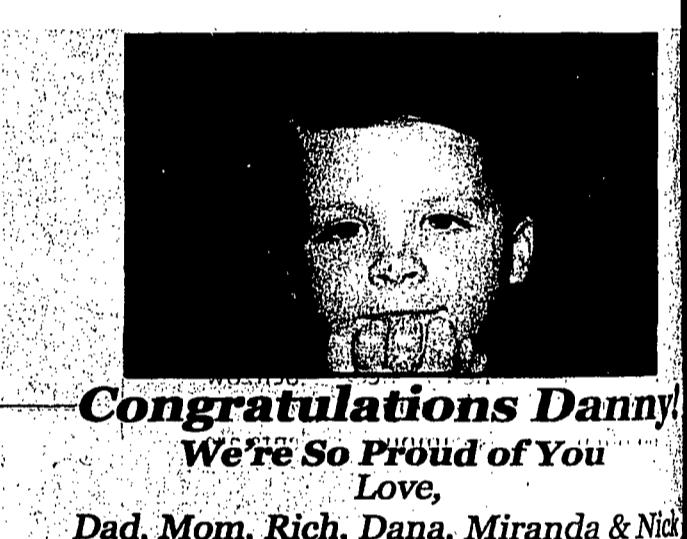
Duvall was barely audible as he

entered his plea. He offered no explanation for why he killed 8-month-old Katelynn in May 2001 and 3-month-old Megan in December 2002.

Katelynn's death originally was

ruled a case of sudden infant death syndrome. But when Megan died suddenly 18 months later, Katelynn's case was reopened.

"He was trusted with his



Congratulations Danny!  
We're So Proud of You  
Love,  
Dad, Mom, Rich, Dana, Miranda & Nick

**CONGRATS TO  
2004 GRADS**

**Josh Hutson**  
**Emily Jackson**  
**Roddy Jasa**

Thank you for all your hard work! Student Publications wishes you the Best of Luck!!

**Hats off to the  
December 2004  
Graduates!!**

**WELL DONE!**

December 17, 2004  
Bearcat Arena  
7:00 p.m.

**Emily.**  
Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.  
Hebrews 11:1  
We are so proud of you!  
Love always,  
Mom & Dad

**The past was ours.**  
**The future is yours.**

**WE'RE SO PROUD!**

Love, Mom & Dad, Jim, Jennifer, Michael & Landon

**Wow Dylan!**  
22 years of  
Pride and Joy!  
Keeps us the great  
work in Grad School.  
Love You Always  
Mom, Dad, Lori  
and Morgan

**Congratulations  
SARAH!**

May all your dreams come true.  
We love you!  
Mom, Steve,  
and Anna

**Christine and Jill,**  
The memories of  
hallway olympics,  
hamburgers, "movie"  
nights, and dorm  
destruction will  
never fade.  
Never Forget Me,  
Love, your neighbor,  
**BRANT**

**Congratulations Rock!**

Are you getting this...  
Oh, I'm getting this  
From: THE

**Congratulations  
SARAH!**  
Love,  
Mom & Dad

**Congratulations**  
We are very proud  
of you.  
It's time to take  
on the world!  
Love,  
Mom & Dad  
Dustin and Gordon

**Congratulations  
MARY!**  
**YOU DID IT!**

Love,  
Amy, Alicia,  
& Damali

## Our View

## Leaf it be

struction threatens the life of one campus tree which could affect Northwest's dedication to nature.

A quote from William Blake on the University's arboretum Web site says it all:

"A tree which moves some to tears of joy moves others to tears of others, only a green thing stands in the way."

Northwest Missouri State boasts several differences. In addition to being the Missouri state award winner and a Malcolm Baldrige award winner, the University houses the Missouri arboretum.

Many look at this as just another opportunity for the University to put another feather in its mantle, the dedication shown to the growth of a fantastic array of trees at Northwest is something to be admired.

Since Thomas Gaunt began planting trees what eventually became Northwest 10 years ago, this land has seen trees

falling if some people have their way.

A horse chestnut tree located between Hudson Hall and the Mabel Cook Admissions Office is at risk of falling at the wish of someone to demolish Hudson and build new

one, to say the least. Northwest to cut a tree down simply for ease of construction goes against even the University and its state arboretum.

Two Northwest students plan to stand up to the proposed removal of the tree. Representatives from the University say that it's a shame for the tree to be removed, but it's also important on the campus.

It's that since plans are in such early stages to the Hudson Hall project, getting concessions in order to save the tree would be feasible.

After what the result, the efforts put forward by Nicole Koeltzow and Watson are to be commended.

Often on this campus, students are toward issues surrounding them. For

to stand up and support something they believe in is truly refreshing on a

campus where it is far too easy for students to remain — if pay attention at all — instead

out and do something about it.

For the tree these students are hopefully will set a benchmark for the

preservation of nature for years to

## Missourian Backtalk.

## 562-1980

According to the Dec. 2 article about the University comes up short in the Baldrige competition because of a lack of comparative test scores. The University loses when the judging panel comes to our setting and meets our pompous, self-serving president. It cost the University tens of thousands of dollars to enter and go through the program to win a award. Money that could be better spent on something for the University.

According to the Dec. 2 issue (the first 25,000 could easily be contracted to three or more operators and be of more value to farms. Corporate farming is not good for Northwest Missouri or America."

All good, the University is now going to the growing of genetically modified rice and barley. Well, I guess anything for a buck."

**Note:** If you would like your entire article printed, please keep statements brief.



## EBay: the new Santa Claus this season

Sure, it's not going to give me lung cancer or require me to call a 1-800 help line, but I'm not going to lie, it's an addiction nonetheless.

This new obsession that I'm now facing consists of only four little letters, but it's simple name doesn't do justice to the new world of online buying to which it's opened my eyes.

EBay came into my life this week as a last-chance effort to find the perfect Christmas gift for one of my sisters—a Minnesota Vikings jersey. Unfortunately she only let me in on this gift request last week, so I started desperately looking for one the day she asked.

It actually became a fun little mission, something to do to keep my mind off of studying. But it soon morphed into a necessity; I needed to find her that jersey.

I'm the big sister; it's my job to do whatever I can to provide for my little sisters at Christmas. Making them smile has become one of my favorite parts of the season.

So there I was, with a wish but without a provider. I checked the obvious outlets: nfl.com, minnesotavikings.com, etc. but purchasing a jersey from one of these would have required me to sell one



Stephanie Suckow

of my eggs, and that doesn't sound like the best option.

Enter eBay.

With the words "Vikings jersey" typed into the search engine, my hopes were reinstated. Here I was with option after option of affordable jerseys of all different sizes.

Now the fun of the bidding process began. I had no idea how intriguing it would be to fight with someone I'd never met on a price of something that I can only see a one-inch photo of. To tell you the truth, this is the portion of the process that I haven't yet mastered, but I'm still learning. For example, I've learned that you shouldn't get your hopes up on a bid unless there's only an hour left. I learned this the hard way and got burned

my first time around by williamc7416 with 30 seconds left in the round.

One more tip; don't take it personally when you lose. At first it was hard for me to see the words "you didn't win" blaring across my account summary screen. Personally I think they could phrase this a little differently, perhaps, "I apologize but you didn't quite make it." But I digress.

Now I'm addicted to checking my personal bid every three seconds and watching for new items as they are placed in my viewing area. No matter where I am, it's what I'm thinking about. I've even sunk to the level of having friends watch what I want and call me the second the bid raises, it's actually kind of sad now that I read that back to myself. Oh well, again, at least it's not filling my lungs with tar, right?

Well, unfortunately, this story doesn't have a happy ending as of yet because the jersey situation hasn't quite been resolved, but I'm still having fun trying. And even if the jersey doesn't pan out, turns out you can get silver watches, Kelly Clarkson bracelets and an engagement ring from this computer wonderland. All things I need and will get, as long as williamc7416 stays out of my way.

## Public schools offer inappropriate life lessons

Reader, be advised: blatant, angry, free thought contained herein.

Anyone who declares affirmative action racist is generally labeled a racist bigot. If a man honestly evaluates a female soldier as physically unfit for the rigors of combat, he's a pure misogynist.

More recently, an Athens, Ga., principal expressed his support for prayer to be allowed in public schools—and attempted to generate dialogue among students—by reading a poem over the intercom to the student body. In the poem, the author ponders why it is that our public schools care greatly about promoting the distribution of condoms and birth control, pregnant prom queens, and students with body piercings, but maintain as taboo even the discussion of allotting a moment for students to bow their heads in silent prayer, if they so wish.

Here's an excerpt:

*We can elect a pregnant Senior Queen, And the 'unwed daddy,' our Senior King.*

*It's "inappropriate" to teach right from wrong. We've taught that such "judgments" do not belong. We can get our condoms and birth controls. Study witchcraft, vampires and totem poles. But the Ten Commandments are not allowed. No word of God must reach this crowd.*

He was promptly accused of offensively violating the separation of church and state.

Though this principal did issue an apology after receiving several complaints from parents, he owed none. All he did was peacefully stand up for his beliefs and showed some strength in his conviction.



Sean Comer

tions—lessons our schools owe it to our kids to teach. He set the example by caring enough about something not to remain silent about it.

A few elections ago, weren't we supposed to have learned some big lessons about apathy? All this man was trying to do was make absolutely sure they were instilled in this kids before they graduated.

Oh, but what a spectacular message those parents sent to their kids instead: it's perfectly alright to speak up when you see injustice and inequity—unless there's a remote chance you might hurt someone's feelings.

Frankly, so what if he addressed his opinions to a very particular audience that sees where he's coming from, while inadvertently addressing another that completely disagrees? When boiled right down, he's on about the same level as the talking heads of Fox News and Dan Rather in terms of voicing a very public bias. In Rather's case, he forced his bias on people who tuned in naively expect-

ing unbiased reporting from a professional journalist.

All this principal did was cut out the middle-man.

For that matter, the real world doesn't censor itself for the good of every offended individual. This is a lesson in reality: you can't always avoid things with which you disagree sharply. Sometimes, you have to confront your uncomfortable surroundings instead of running away to hide and cry about your wounded feelings.

But there's a great concern here, no doubt. Our country extends first amendment protections to groups including, but not limited to: the Nazi party, the Ku Klux Klan, and Southern Baptists screaming, in mass, that God apparently hates gays. But a school principal can't publicly support school prayer.

In New York, public dollars were spent to renovate an entire public school to be tailored particularly to gay students, a narrow minority. But it's prayer in our schools that's somehow offensive and discriminatory.

Contrary to what you've all probably concluded, this is not a plea for prayer to be allowed in schools. In the big picture, it has nothing to do with prayer. It has to do with my utter disgust and dismay that our schools can deal directly with teen pregnancy and promiscuity, goth culture, and gun-toting victims of bullying, but it's peaceful, silent prayer, of all things, that's the taboo subject.

Suddenly, home-schooling does seem to make total sense

## YOUR VIEW

What would your ultimate Christmas present be?



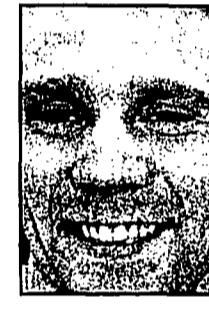
"A brand new, pimped out Escalade with 24 inch rims that spin even when the car isn't moving. And you can't forget about the neon purple light kit."

Brandi Wilmes  
Broadcasting



"A new CD player for my car to replace my current boombox. It's really sweet and all, but the batteries run out weekly."

Christie Taylor  
Advertising



"He already came. Jesus was and is the greatest Christmas present. After all, it is named after him. Not to be cliche, but Jesus is the reason for the season."

Darrick Couts  
Education



"I want a home for every puppy. And a really big pound of Swedish fish."

Jordan Wilcox  
Math/Computer Science



"I really want a president who's not an idiot. I guess I'll have to settle for Christmas with Dr. Fun."

Dave Clisbee  
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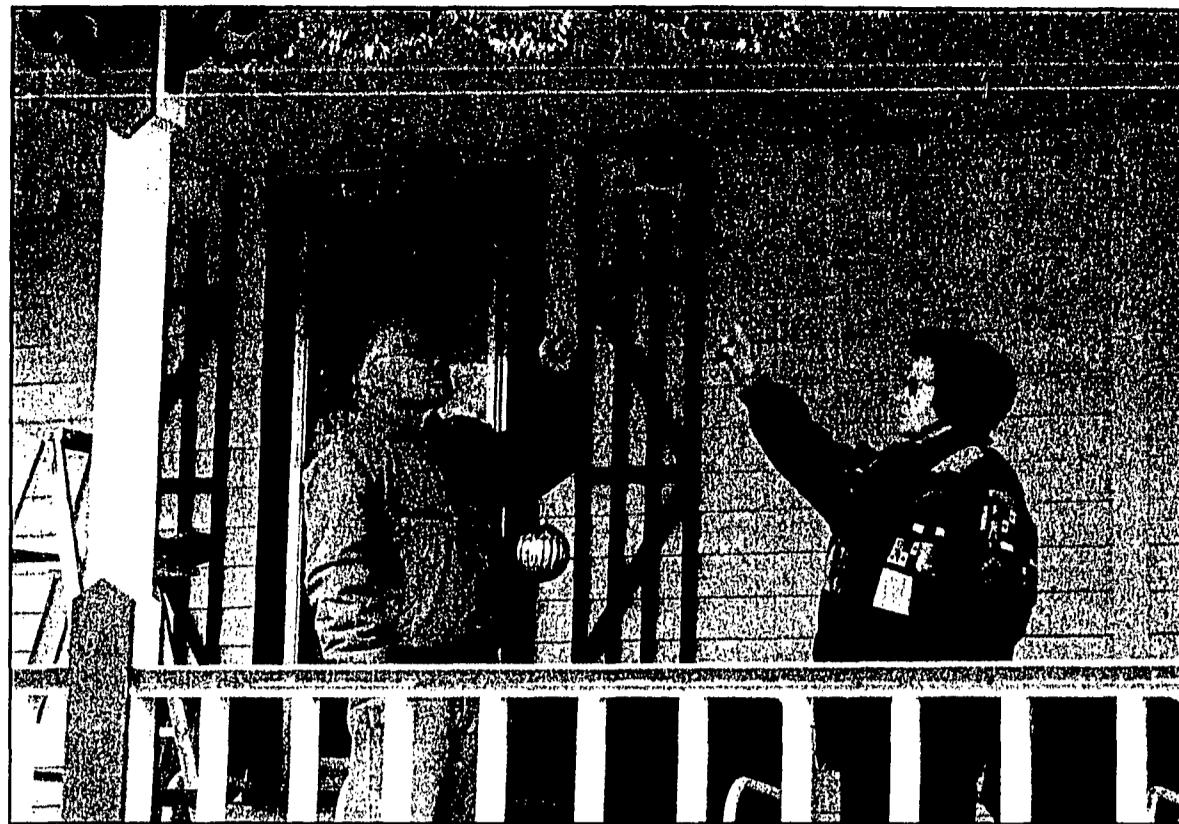
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## Dictating decoration



Pauline and Bob Gross decorate their house at Market and Grant streets for the upcoming holiday season. "I'm the boss!" Pauline said jokingly as she instructs her husband on where to hang the Christmas ornaments. Bob was more than willing to comply.

## No violations of new keg tag law

By JARED HOFFMANN  
Chief Reporter

Since the Missouri Keg Tag law took effect last July, law enforcement officials have seen little to no changes with regards to underage drinking.

The law requires that any individual who purchases a keg must fill out a waiver making them fully responsible for anyone who drinks from that keg—including minors.

According to Maryville Public Safety Director Keith Wood, no arrests or fines have occurred in connection with the keg tag law.

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## State legislators show support for biopharming impact

from Sacramento, Calif. to Maryville, in turn launching Northwest's biopharming initiative—named for the combination of biology, pharmacology, and farming. The Maryville operation is slated to be off the ground in 18 months. Renovation has already begun at Ventria's future facility, the AC Lighting building east of Maryville.

The meeting, organized by Rep. Brad Lager, (R-Maryville), and Klindt, (R-Bethany), was designed to inform and mobilize state resources in support of Ventria's mission—to grow and process crops in the state, processed ultimately for the use of plant-based pharmaceuticals.

The technological, economic and educational implications of the initiative, most acknowledged, had the potential to be unlike any community,

"There are a lot of things we can't produce, but there are a lot of things we can produce that are much less expensive than present production," Urban said. "That, in turn, could have big long-term effects."

While few legislators acknowledged skepticism for genetically modified crops—the process has come under fire by some that it's unethical, Ventria executives say their process does not fall under the same label. Legislators agree and support that stance.

"We're not actually raising grain,"

tally responsible for any minors who drink from the keg.

Scheffe said the decline in keg sales is most likely counteracted by sales of other forms of alcohol.

"I think the kids are probably buying more single stuff than kegs now," Scheffe said.

Scheffe said in a previous interview that a dip in keg sales is worth the effect that the law will have on under-age drinking.

"The law has slowed keg sales down," Scheffe said. "But to us it's a good thing, it's taken the responsibility off us and solely onto the individual who bought the keg."

Klindt said of the crops from which hybrid proteins will be extracted. "We're raising a protein, and that's what makes this operation different."

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## Gas report in error; Aquila's price will remain through winter month

By DENNIS SHARKEY  
Missourian Reporter

Last month's increase in natural gas rates by Aquila may have not been needed.

An error in information provided by the federal Energy Information Administration last month is what led to increases in the purchased gas adjustment that Aquila charges its customers.

The mistake was made when the EIA reported that 49 billion cubic feet had been withdrawn from storage, when in fact only 17 billion cubic feet were withdrawn, leading officials to believe that not as much was in stock as previously thought. When the mistake was made the price of natural gas shot up to 87 cents per 100 cubic feet. After the revised numbers were released by the EIA the price dropped to 67 cents per 100 cubic feet.

Regardless of the mistake, George Minter, spokesman for Aquila doesn't think a decrease in the PGA is in the future.

"It's not going to change at this point," Minter said. "At this point we don't plan to file. We just entered the

winter and we don't know yet."

Minter says that the hardest winter months are ahead of us still and the market could change.

"We historically have seen increases in the months of January and February," Minter said. "This very well could affect next year, so we'll just have to see what develops. We hope it goes back down again and it stays lower, because it's in the best interest of our customers."

The EIA gets its information for its weekly reports from data that are turned in by respondents who operate underground reserves of natural gas. The exact reason for the discrepancy in the report is not exactly clear due to the EIA's complete confidentiality of its respondents. This is to ensure that no data can be accidentally released, and the respondents' network is not connected to the EIA's network to avoid hackers.

"We received an error in the data that was reported to us," said EIA spokesman Jonathan Cogan. "We don't know what the actual cause is because of the confidentiality."

The Industrial Energy Consumers of America thinks that making the report a

daily routine as opposed to a weekly report would be beneficial to consumers but just another expense for producers.

"The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission actually supported our report, but the pipe lines and storage facilities were against it," said EIA President Paul Cicio. "It's just more work for us."

Cicio hopes with this recent congressional action will make moves to change EIA's policies.

"We hope with this last error the FERC will follow up," Cicio said. "There is every reason to be optimistic they will."

Cicio also believes that rising over the last two years has led manufacturers to cut back their demand for natural gas and that it has led to outsourcing of jobs. Cicio also said if manufacturers had not cut back, demand we would be in a shortage.

"Manufacturers have lowered prices because they can't compete," Cicio said. "So production has fallen off in the last two years."

"This is the highest rates of natural gas in the world, and it's contributing to offshoring," Cicio said.

## Flu vaccine shortage misses count

By SEAN COMER  
Buzz Assignment Editor

Within the next two months, Missouri will receive its final shipments of influenza vaccine. However, according to Nodaway County Health Center Administrator Della Rhoades, Nodaway County was one of the only fortunate counties to have received every allotted dose.

"The DHSS has done a very good job of keeping a pulse of all the county health departments who turned in status reports of the need for flu vaccines across the state," Rhoades said. "There are people in the county who are not immunized that we wish we could have, but we've honored the CDC guidelines."

According to the federal Centers for Disease Control, 100,148 doses will be distributed to Missouri healthcare providers this month, with the final 36,095 doses arriving in January.

Like the rest of the United States, Missouri will have to cope with a notable shortage of the vaccine. Chiron, the British manufacturer that previously produced around 50 million doses, was officially deemed unfit to continue production by the British government on Oct. 5. Aventis Pasteur stepped in to produce, the vaccine.

The announcement came near the beginning of flu season, at which point Missouri had received about half of its expected allotment.

"There has been a lot of effort since this all started," said Sue Denny, health education and information specialist with the Department of Health and Senior Services. "The first thing that happened was the advisory committee on immunization practices changed the recommended to recommend only people who should receive the vaccine this season were those at high risk to contract influenza."

"High-risk" patient categories include the elderly, especially those with medical conditions; children under 6 months; healthcare workers and home caregivers, and pregnant women.

"We've been working almost nonstop to make sure Missouri receives every dose of vaccine available and distributed to us," said Dick Dunn, Director, in a recent press release.

Missouri may have lucked out as opposed to last year's unexpected active flu season, thus far with widely-scattered cases have been reported, Denny said. However, it may be too early to judge the severity of year's season, as flu season doesn't usually begin until February.

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## Auxier sentenced to 90 days in jail for statutory rape

some good old fashioned "you need to be responsible for your actions" kind of punishment."

The victim's mother shared Scroggins' sentiments. She said that Auxier was involved in the schools' "TEAM" program consisting of parents and teachers, to aid troubled students. Auxier's involvement in the program allowed her to gain information about the victim's background, and she allegedly used it to manipulate the victim into a sexual relationship.

"She is the absolute prototype of sexual offender. She used information about this young man's background as part of a grooming process to get close to him and ultimately sexually offend against him," Scroggins said. "She needs

"She was well aware of his bad behavior as a student and his emotional and behavioral issues... She betrayed me and most importantly my son which he so hesitantly gives."

However despite her feelings, she was satisfied with the judge's decision.

"I thought that she needed jail time and I think what the judge delivered is fair," she said.

In addition to her 90-day sentence, Judge Prokes forbade Auxier from having contact or residing in a residence with minors 17 and under.

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# Grant supplies funds to achieve dreams

BY SARAH SWEDBERG  
University News Editor

Asrat Geleta never thought he would be attending college in Missouri, an Ethiopia native, who moved to Texas after his dad established citizenship in order to work as a pharmacist, planned on attending community college in the Lone Star

could go to school in Texas and scholarship to go to a community college, but my goal from high school was to go to a University," he said.

With the help of his friend and Troy Stende, a professional speaker and high impact person who visited Northwest last summer, Bryan VanOsdale, Campus Activities director and Northwest administrators, Geleta arrived in Maryville four days after he decided to enroll in the University.

Within 48 hours of talking to him Northwest, he was accepted, we'd him out a schedule and got enrolled," VanOsdale said.

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## Biopharming initiative not to affect UM merger—yet; state legislators visit

"It's not a simple topic," Geleta said. "It ends itself to a straight up answer," Hubbard said. "Biopharming is so far out on the edge of technology and pharmacology that all the help we can get, and that help if there's a merger or not a merger make some of that might, and that's a question we have to grapple with—but we have to grapple with it right now." Hubbard has been in contact with UM president Elson Floyd and have an informal lunch in the future to discuss the merger. Floyd

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## The fight for life: Maryville mother works to help find a cure for diabetes

"Type 1 diabetes in mice is a grassroots effort with like me in different states that I'm a state captain. We other fund-raising initiatives that Faustman comes and speaks at initiatives," she said. "All the raised goes to her research. The (Faustman) reaches \$11 million to start human clinical which is a three-year trial

for the Iacocca Foundation's

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# Blue Christmas

BY STEPHANIE STANGL  
Features Editor

As she hangs the ornaments on her tree, wraps her presents and sends out her Christmas cards, something is missing.

This will be the first Christmas Northwest senior Erin Drummond has spent away from her fiance in nearly six years.

Drummond's fiance Aaron Dennis has been deployed to Germany as a military officer for nearly a year. He will not be one of the few lucky troops selected to receive their leave at Christmas time.

He wasn't supposed to be able to come home last year either, but then, in an unexpected turn of events, he returned for three days just in time to celebrate the holidays.

This year, they aren't as fortunate.

"Not knowing when he's going to get back has been the hardest," Drummond said. "I think once we find out for when he is going to return, it will be easier. Until that point, I'm just waiting to see when the Army's going to be finished with him."

One event exists just for people like Drummond.

"Blue Christmas," a worship service started by the First Christian Church in Maryville is centered around the idea that Christmas is not always as happy as it could be for people.

When an unusual number of deaths left some members of the church grieving around Christmas last year, the Rev. Lee Yates and the staff of the church decided they needed a worship service to address and help deal with those issues.

"I don't think there is anyone that gets through the holidays without being sad that something has changed," Yates said. "I want people to know that it's OK to share how you really feel. You don't have to pretend that you are merry at Christmas if you really aren't."

Drummond recently traveled to Germany to see her fiance over Thanksgiving break. In a hotel on his Army base, they exchanged gifts so they could have some sort of Christmas together.

But it simply wasn't the same.

"I see people who are with their families and it makes me miss him that much more," Drummond said. "I feel worse for him than I do myself because at least I have my family here with me."

Drummond is saddened by how often people take their loved ones for granted over the holidays.

"I hear people complaining all the time about having to buy a gift for another family member," Drummond said. "People don't realize how different it is when you don't even have the person here to buy the gift for."

With the second annual "Blue Christmas" service quickly approaching at 7 p.m. Dec. 15, Yates predicts that many people will return to revive a sense of hope around the holidays once again this year.

"I think a lot of people really enjoyed the service and will be back this

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THE REV. LEE YATES  
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

year," Yates said. "My guess is that this year many people will bring someone with them. I think a lot of them will be reaching out to friends who are dealing with different emotions this Christmas and let them know there is a service where they can express those feelings."

With communion offered, scriptures read and songs sung, "Blue Christmas" is very similar to many other worship services. Whether it is in memory of someone who has passed or for grief of a family that has been divided by divorce, everyone is invited to come forward and light a candle to help cope with the hardship.

This year, Yates is also going to set aside time for a separate prayer in which people have a chance to contemplate "Secret Hurts." These are things that a person hasn't been able to share yet, can't find words for or don't feel that people would listen to.

"Some of the greatest burdens people carry are the burdens that they carry alone," Yates said. "We are trying to incorporate into the service time for silent reflection for those folks to share their thoughts with at least God. If they can start sharing it in their prayers maybe they can start sharing it with friends and family members who can help them."

During the first service last year, some people wept, while others simply sat and reminisced. A few found a way to smile through it all, comforted by the thought that they were finally not alone.

"It's not just a service of moping," Yates said. "We look for hope also."

SSM Hospice in Maryville held a similar service Dec. 5, but it was reserved to help mourn the loss of family members who were aided by the hospice in their final days. Family members and the public were invited to a candlelight vigil to help bring closure to the families.

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## Beating the Christmas Blues

The potential is very high this time of year for psychological, physical and financial stress, so apply the "three R's" to keep the holiday blues on the run.

Be realistic. Don't set overly high expectations, acknowledge feelings of sadness and don't repress them. Rather, seek out social support and companionship, such as through a community group or church.

Be reasonable. Spend in moderation. A lot of people can't spend what they'd like on gifts, or they spend more than they can afford. Either way, it's depressing.

Get some rest. Don't try to do more than you can comfortably do. Watch your time, and schedule some breaks for peace and quiet. Also, share your load with someone else.

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## Men have no problem with Central

By BRENDAN KELLEY  
Missourian Reporter

The Northwest men's basketball team had something to smile about for the first twenty minutes. The 'Cats held a 42-18 lead and appeared to have everything under control.

The 'Cats kept their focus and avoided a mental letdown, walking away with an 85-53 victory over Central Bible College.

The 'Cats played a great first half in which they only allowed 18 points, but in the second half, Central Bible found a way to pick up their production and scored 35 points.

"We played a good game, but I

still feel like we let down in the second half," said Austin Meyer. "They ran some screens and got a lot of open threes on us."

Central Bible beat themselves by turning the ball over a total of 25 times, and allowing the 'Cats to score 22 points from turnovers.

Northwest was not perfect either, turning the ball over 15 times and allowing Central Bible to score 17 points from turnovers.

"We did a good job of forcing turnovers," Joel Osborn said. "We can't turn the ball over so much though; it will hurt us against better teams."

There were times when Central

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Bible showed some spark, but the outcome of the game was never in serious doubt.

"Central Bible is very well coached team, coach Hanson gets a lot out of his players," coach Steve Tappmeyer said. "We would dominate for a while

and as soon as we would let down our level of intensity they would bang in a couple of shots and beat us to rebounds."

Northwest had a balanced attack with seven guys scoring nine points

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MEGAN CRAWFORD  
Missourian Reporter

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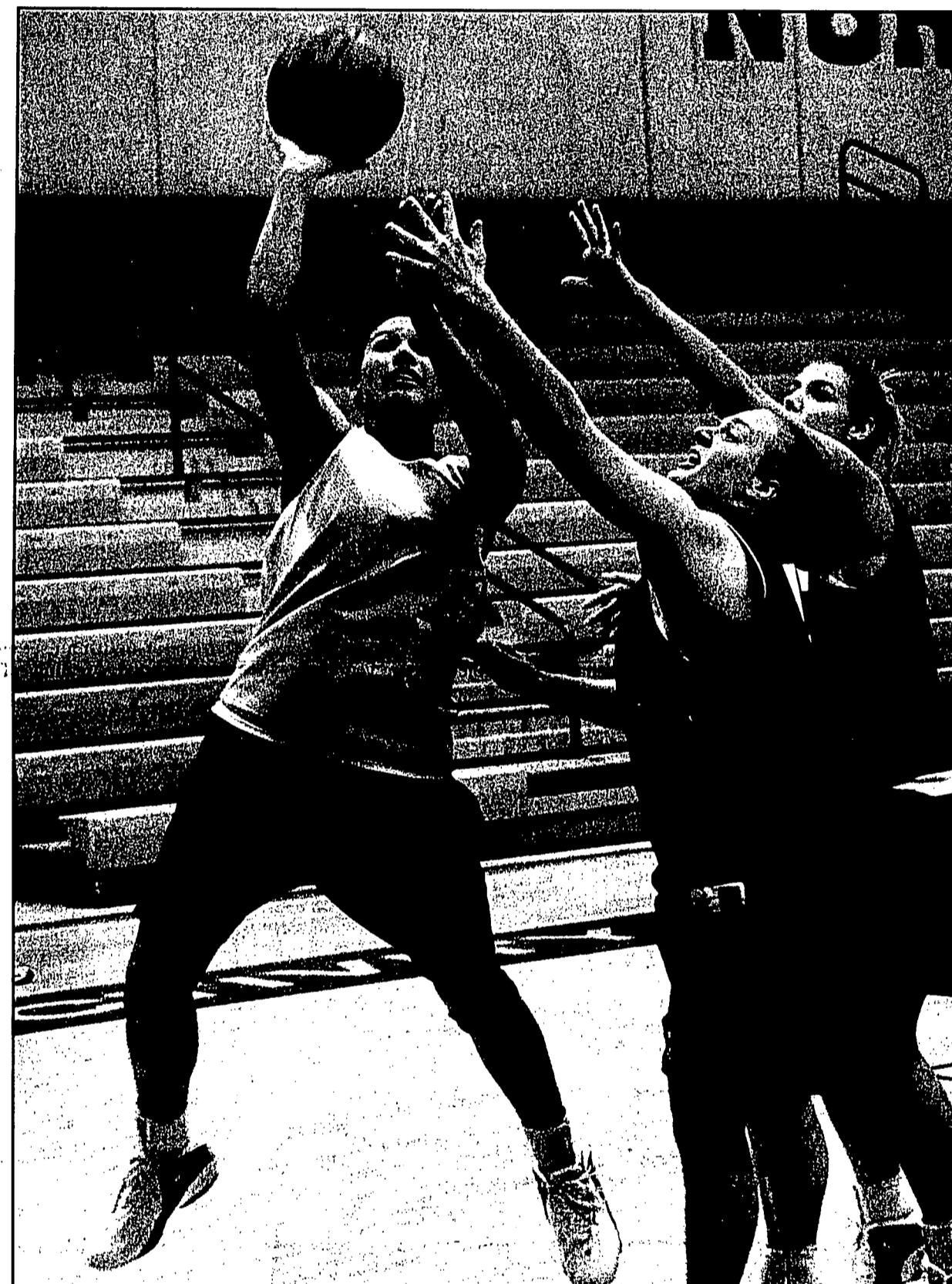
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Freshman Lauren Williams goes to the basket against senior Ashely Poptanycz and freshman Chelsea Ernen in practice this week. Freshmen comprise the majority of the Bearcats team this year. Northwest faces off against Nebraska-Omaha this Saturday.



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## FRESH NEW FACES

By KRISTINE HOTOP  
Missourian Reporter

There's just a bit of difference from taking warm-up shots during high school to holding the ball minutes before the buzzer announces the beginning of the first collegiate basketball game of the season.

Looking around the stands at the myriad of students, television cameras and sports announcers can bring butterflies to any player's stomach; especially to a first-time witness—a freshman.

"Our first game was at Iowa State; that was a really big deal; it was crazy. They are Division I, so just being there to play was really nerve-racking," freshman Megan Hamilton said. "Then came our first home game; it was kind of depressing because we didn't come out ahead, but playing in front of that many people was something."

A new season brings a new team, literally. Joining the four returning players are 12 freshmen, adding a new zeal of talent to the group. Having a team comprised mostly of freshmen can be difficult when dealing with uniting upperclassmen and allowing the newcomers to find their niche with the other girls.

"It's refreshing as a coach to have this many newcomers because it's starting over. Sometimes when you have a veteran team, it's hard to see remarkable improvement," head coach Gene Steinmeyer said. "Last year I think we did; we played our best ball at the end of the year, but that normally doesn't happen; players get stale, coaches get stale, but that never happens with a group like this."

"They are learning something new every day and it forces the coaches to learn something new every day. So this group won't ever get stale, especially this year."

### Bond Fires:

Thanks to delicious barbecues and personal gatherings at Steinmeyer's house during Family Day, the girls got to understand each other on another level, outside of practice. He believes that the players have to take part in unifying the team themselves, because no one can force chemistry between teammates.

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## Coach concerned with prolonging rivalry

By JEROME BOETTCHER  
Assistant Sports Editor

hat has turned into a non-conference rivalry might end Saturday.

Northwest women's basketball will face off against the University of Nebraska-Omaha Mavericks for the 21st time in the schools' history Saturday. Unfortunately for Northwest, the Mavericks have shown no end to ending the rivalry after this

it's a new coach and she wants her schedule and she doesn't want to

use the old coach's schedule," Steinmeyer said. "I don't think she realizes what a nice little rivalry it was for all of us."

Steinmeyer hinted in a post-game interview last week that he thought Omaha wanted to "get (Northwest) this year, when they're freshmen and get out of it when these freshmen mature."

The reason for the possible end to the series is unknown but Steinmeyer still hopes it pumps up his team against the Mavericks.

"I hope so, it's got me kind of fired

up about it," Steinmeyer said. "I'm a little bit upset about it."

Northwest will enter the game coming off of a seven-game homestand in which they won five straight games. The Bearcats (5-3) will be playing the Mavericks (5-3) for the fifth straight season.

The Bearcats won their last game of their homestand Friday when they beat Peru State 90-55. Freshman Megan Hamilton led all scorers with 14 points. Sophomore Katie O'Grady followed closely behind with 13 points. Hamilton and O'Grady com

bined to make seven out of the team's eleven three-pointers. Northwest attempted 33 three-pointers, something Steinmeyer is not concerned about.

"Well, (Peru) played zone and we're going to average 25 threes a game," Steinmeyer said. "Black and white, we're a perimeter team. If we don't average 25 threes a game, then we're probably not going to win the game."

The team is averaging 75.1 points per game and 19.75 three-pointers attempted.

Steinmeyer believes his team's turnaround started when they trailed by

five points to visiting Columbia College and instead of going to 1-4 they won their second straight game to put them at 2-3.

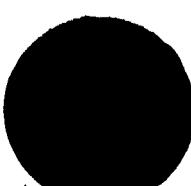
"(It was) a little bit of a pressure cooker against Columbia College because they came in with a win over (Pittsburg State) on the road and we knew we would have a tough time with them," Steinmeyer said. "Then we got down by five at half and we're looking at an (1-4) start and that's not a real good thing. But boy our kids really came back and at one point we

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# Fresh faces fill young squad for Bearcats

Fortunately for Steinmeyer, he has several assistant coaches that have helped tremendously in supporting the girls' bonding experiences.

"I have to give my assistant coaches a lot of credit; they certainly do a nice job of deflecting problems that could arise," Steinmeyer said. "Upperclassmen have been through both phases; good times and bad times as far as chemistry goes. They know how important it is for everyone to get along."

As captain of the freshman-laden team, senior Ashely Poptanycz will have the opportunity to lead the girls. Alongside Poptanycz, juniors Laura Friederich and Meghan Blay and assistants Emily Elkin, Stephanie Dieso and Clinton Woods will also assist in the team's victories as well as helping the freshmen adjust to college basketball life.

"The older girls were really helpful from the first day and even now they are always there helping us. They are completely supportive because they know that we are what they have, a lot of freshmen," Hamilton said. "They teach us a lot and it's extremely helpful to have them there, even though there aren't very many of them."

Steinmeyer is depending on his four returnees to help the newcomers prepare for this season's games. Since the numerous changes that happen between high school and college basketball may throw a wrench in the workings, he presumes the girls should catch on quickly.

"My senior year in high school we had a lot of young girls, too. I keep reminding myself of that year because that was the year we ended up going to state, so hopefully, everything will be all right," Poptanycz said. "Our assistant coach Lori (Henderson) assured me that even though they are young, they have a



PHOTO BY STEVE SERRANO/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

Redshirt freshman April Miller guards freshman Meghan Brue during practice on Tuesday. The play of the freshmen is one reason while the Bearcats have won five straight.

lot of talent so we're going to be okay. She just keeps telling me that we're going to be okay."

Thanks to the effort submitted by Poptanycz and girls, the freshmen have had it relatively easy when it came to connecting to everyone and to the new style of play.

#### Newcomers:

Hopes and dreams aside, coming from a past eight-senior roster will be one of the season's most strenuous tasks. The ups and downs that come along with college ball play a major factor in the work effort on the court.

"Role definition was a big thing with freshmen because each girl is used to being the go-to player in high school," Friederich said. "When you step up to college everyone has to find where they stand and it can be hard for newcomers."

Coming in to a stable program and taking the plunge into it is hard. Being able to stand out of the crowd can be the biggest dilemma, more than ever in a class this large where each player is struggling to be the best.

"This first day, I was really nervous because I was a freshman, but then, everyone was a freshman, so then this didn't seem as bad," Hamilton said. "All the upperclassmen were awesome and that helped out. I was just nervous because you wanted to come in and have everyone watch you and say, 'wow.'"

Steinmeyer explains how coaches and upperclassmen have been through many tough times before and learned how to overcome it, but the new girls have to adjust to the 'roller coaster' moments throughout the season. With the number of newcomers,

he just hopes to keep them on an even keel.

Adding 12 newcomers to the roster, 10 of them being freshmen, Steinmeyer keeps his expectations high, due to the quickness and fast thinking the girls brought with them into the program.

Assuming that they usually get about 25 percent of the freshmen they want, Steinmeyer focused on 10 girls he wanted to bring to the program. To his surprise, six of the ten decided to choose Northwest, leaving him with the decision to take all six or send them off to another school. Steinmeyer's choice proved to be the upper hand, and he took all six talented athletes.

In addition to recruiting players, any coach is happy to host a walk-on, especially if they hold talent to benefit the team. This season, Steinmeyer welcomes 5-foot-4 freshman Kelli Nelson to the team, the only true walk-on for Northwest. Nelson joins the team from Exira, Iowa, and averages 3.6 points and eight steals per game.

"Kelli is our walk-on who just came in late and we didn't have any scholarship money left," Steinmeyer said. "She is our back-up point guard and is getting a lot of playing time too. She won't be considered a walk-on for long."

As a walk-on, Nelson takes each moment she has to work on her skills and take in any help players can give.

"At first, I didn't know there was going to be so many freshmen, but it's been great. I really look up to Meghan Blay, she's been a huge influence on me and helping me adjust," Nelson said. "I just go out and try to do my best during the time I get out on the court."

Injuries are always an unfortunate event especially to encounter-

ter ones prior to the season. Newcomer and redshirt freshman Kelsey Homewood is nursing a torn ACL that occurred during a preseason scrimmage.

"I feel bad that I can't play this season," Homewood said. "I just had surgery on it and I am working hard to be ready for next year. It's a good group of girls and I am excited to play with them, hopefully sometime soon."

#### Straight Expectations:

This season, Steinmeyer doesn't want to focus on it as a rebuilding year. He thinks that doing so is only cheating Poptanycz, his only senior, from her impact on the team in past years.

"Obviously there is going to be some rebuilding this year," Steinmeyer said. "But we are going to get as much out of the season as we can and take as it far as we can take it. I've coached young teams before, but this is by far the youngest and most talented freshman recruiting class."

Steinmeyer returns from a 24-7 season, in which his girls placed first in the MIAA tournament. Northwest's preseason ranking was set as eighth. Friederich pointed out that the team's main goal is to come into the remainder of the season, shock people and finish the year with a higher ranking.

"It feels good to come in and contribute and be able to help out the other girls. Our leaders are the three upperclassmen so they are expected to do all the scoring, so it's awesome that we can all be there to help them out and be a big part of it all," Hamilton said. "In four years it's going to be crazy. There are so many of us. Every year is just going to be 10 times better than the year before. I'm really excited about it; it's going to be awesome."

Overall, Steinmeyer looks forward to this season with all hopes of grasping the MIAA tournament crown for the second year in a row, and would like to introduce the freshmen to an exciting four years at Northwest.

"One of the coaches' favorite things to say is as we look out on the floor is 'there's our conference champion team; we just don't know what year yet,'" Steinmeyer said. "As coaches, we aren't hired to finish fourth; we're hired to finish first so that has to be where your expectations start."

"It would be a real upset if that happened to be this year, but obviously that doesn't stop us from trying."

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FILE  
Jamaica Rector will be one of three Bearcats heading to the Cactus Bowl in Kingville. Senior linebacker Adam Long and senior kicker Luis Berlanga will also join Rector.

## Northwest sends three players to Cactus Bowl in Kingville

By COLE YOUNG  
Sports Editor

Week on three occasions.

The Monterrey, Mexico native played just one season at Northwest and holds the Northwest mark for points by a kicker in a single season.

Long was named the defensive MIAA coach after he recorded 81 tackles, including 24 solo tackles.

Helms was first on the team with 10 passes defended and total 112 tackles, including 24 solo tackles, tied for sixth on the team. His interceptions tied for second on the team.

The three join wide receiver Rector as players who have made bowl game.

Rector will play in the Hula Bowl in Waikiki, Maui.

The game, set for Jan. 22, 2005, will feature NCAA Division I football athletes.

Rector joins only Tony Mafeta and Seth Wand as the only Northwesters that have participated in the bowl.

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## Mavericks pose next challenge

had outscored them by 25 the second half. That kind of got us on a little bit of a roll."

The series between the Mavericks and Northwest is currently tied at 10 wins apiece.

Steinmeyer believes the team just needs to keep playing like they have been in order to keep the streak going.

"We have to keep our transition

game going because don't execute in the half court," he said. "So we to get early shots and early looks if a team forces to play half-court defense we won't do as well as number one and we've got to do. We've got to defend the post. We've been good, we've defended post, when we've been bad is when inside has been leaky for us."



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Senior Laura Friederich and freshman Chelsea Ernzen guard freshman Julie Bunge during practice on Tuesday. Ernzen and Bunge are two of 10 freshmen on the squad.

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City Royals players Jeff Montgomery and Mike Wood sign autographs for fans day afternoon at the Maryville Hy-Vee. The Royals Caravan was in town to sign fans. Player David DeJesus and announcer Denny Matthews were present.

## Sports In Brief

## Bulldogs escape South Harrison with victory

Maryville girls basketball team began with a close win on Monday, defeating the South Harrison Bulldogs 45-41 in Bethany. In a first quarter tie, the Bulldogs led the contest 25-18 at South Harrison came back

in the third quarter, trailing only by one going into the final stanza. But Maryville held onto the win with a 10-7 advantage in the fourth quarter.

Senior Kelli Dawson and freshman Carley Evans led Maryville with 11 points each, while Kim Wolfer and Bobbi Austin added eight points apiece. Megan Doty of South Harrison led all scorers with 13 on the night.

The loss drops the Bulldogs to 2-2 on the season, while moving the

## Wrestlers to finally start season Saturday

By BILLY BURNS  
Missourian Reporter

The Maryville High School wrestling team will face its first test of the year Saturday at Lexington High School.

Coach Joe Drake expects his wrestlers to face a bit of fatigue during the tournament. Most of the team will take on five matches.

"The conditioning thing is probably going to come up and bite us a little bit," Drake said. "Five matches in a day is a load for a well-conditioned wrestler."

The 'Hounds are still struggling to catch up after the majority of their team missed the first couple weeks of practice due to the football team's run through the playoffs.

The wrestlers were originally scheduled to have their first match Dec. 7 in a home dual against St. Pius X. That dual, along with the Dec. 9th dual at Plattsburg, were rescheduled to allow the late-arriving wrestlers to catch up.

Drake rescheduled the home dual against St. Pius for Feb. 3 and will take his wrestlers to Plattsburg on Feb. 1. Both schools complied fully with Maryville's request to reschedule.

"Those schools were very cooperative," Drake said. "We're still looking for an official for one of them, though."

Team dual competition begins for Maryville on Dec. 15 at home against Savannah.

'Hounds to 2-1.

Maryville will be in action again tonight, playing its home opener against Bishop LeBlond at 7 p.m.

-Beth Meyer

## Three Spoofhounds named to All-State

The Missouri Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association released their 2004 All-State team Tuesday.

Among those who made the Class

3 team were Maryville seniors Syd Brisbane, Keith Starr and Evan Wilmes.

Brisbane made it on the first team of ends. Starr made the second team for defensive linemen and Wilmes made the second team for linebackers.

Maryville finished No. 3 in the final polls. They finished right behind state runner-up Harrisonville and state champion M.I.C.D.S.

For a full list of all the teams visit missourianonline.com.

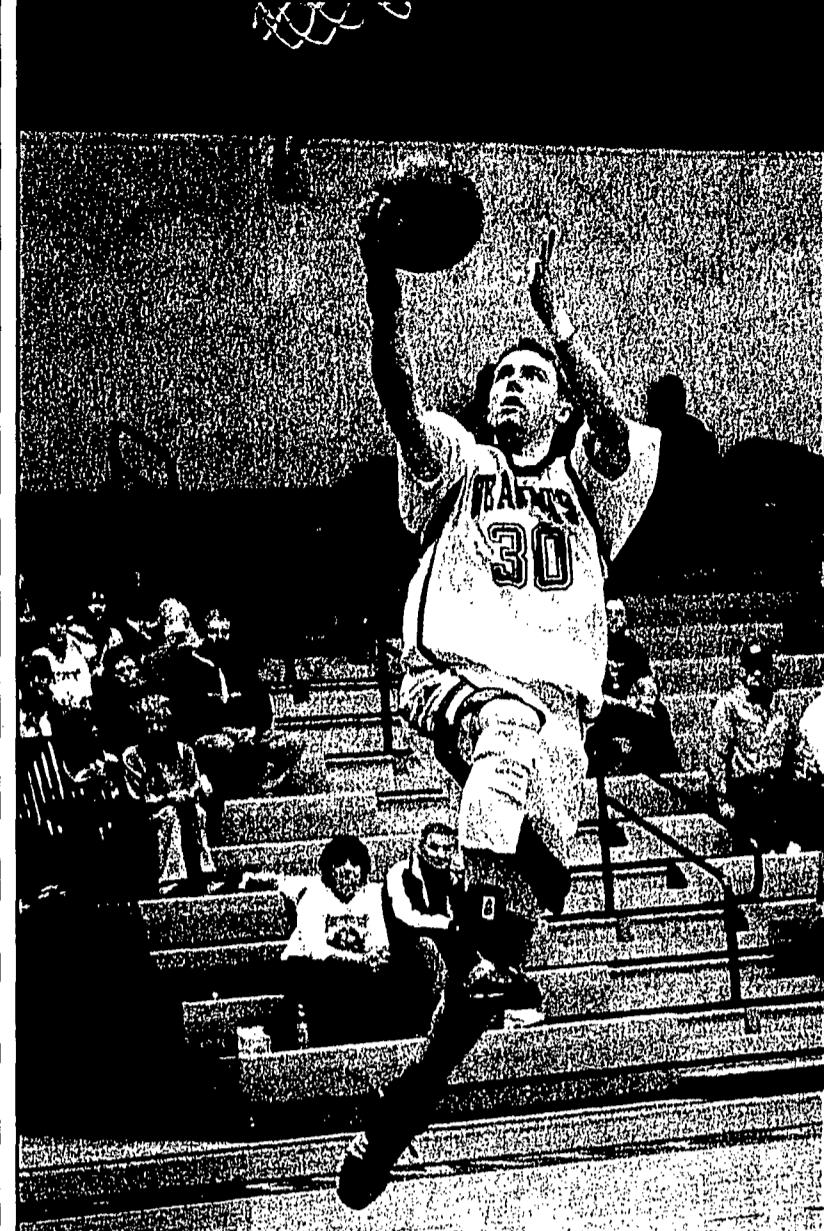


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Josh Vanderslice lays in two points Monday during the 'Cats' rout of Central Bible College at Bearcat Arena. Northwest plays 7-1 Clarke College Sunday to finish the homestand.

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## 'Cats to finish homestand before heading to Hawaii

five who could do it."

The win brought Northwest's record to 7-1 on the season, with their one loss coming on the road against Central Arkansas.

"We have to continue to get better at defense, rebounding, and turnovers if we want to continue to be successful this season," Meyer said.

"The Bearcats have Clarke College coming into Maryville on Sunday evening, and it looks as though their schedule will be tougher for the rest of the season.

"Clarke is 7-1 and they are a good solid basketball team," Tappmeyer said. "From here on out we're going to have to play well, or get beat."

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## Track begins new season with new coach

By AARON NELSON  
Missourian Reporter

Finally, when an athlete joins a team, there is some kind of initiation, when the newest member of the team is the head coach, employing rituals or tests of loyalty are used and a new system is put in place. The scenario for the women's field squad, who will start their season under new head coach Lorek on Dec. 10 at the Meet, held at Iowa State University, Lorek is pleased to take coaching reins at Northwest. Jim Wooten, who resigned last year, despite being the new guy, Lorek remains positive. A positive picture has moved out here, and it's just that way. If anything, things are more positive for me,"

However, Lorek is quick to point out that the teams may be relaxed,

but they work hard. "It should be in an atmosphere of low pressure and fun, but definitely working very hard," he said.

Lorek's previous resume speaks volumes to the success of his philosophies, but the key to continued success at Northwest is primarily dependent on his runners.

"It's primarily a question of the enthusiasm in program, and working hard from every aspect, not only a coach working hard, but the team working

hard, and being committed to doing the best job that they can," Lorek said. "I think we have all that going on here."

Results of the hard work and commitment will come to fruition for both the women's and men's

teams at the season's first meet. However, for some of the members of each squad the opportunity to test themselves won't come until January when the track teams will have their first full squad meet at Graceland College in Lamoni, Iowa.

"We're not taking the whole team," Lorek said. "We're just taking those who I think will get something really positive out of it."

Those who will stay behind have minor, but specific reasons they will not make the trip.

"We have some people that were not taking, but a lot of that is based on some technique things that we want to develop a little bit further," Lorek said.

Just because this meet won't feature his whole squad, Lorek and his team are not looking past it.

"We never go to the line unless you're absolutely ready to go. It's as much an emotional involvement as any meet will have," Lorek said.



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## Your Man gives advice on women

Women can be vindictive, demanding, high maintenance and utterly confusing. Despite all of this, Your Man has finally uncovered the truth about the opposite sex. Women were sent here to crush men's dreams and ruin our lives. Ever since the dawning of cavemen, women have snatched up a guy's manhood and placed it in their purses. Today's female is no different!

There are five categories of girlfriends out there: the Bossy Witch; the Unfaithful Tart; the Money Grubbing Wench; the 'Let's Get Married' Chick and The Happily Ever After Girl. These women can be found right here in Maryville and all of them have plans for the man they are dating.

This brings me to the Bossy Witch. These women have it all figured out. Their guy is wrapped around their finger tighter than a lid on the pickle jar. They tell their man what to do, when to do it and how high to jump. They don't lose many arguments, if any, and always have things their way. Having a girl that knows what she wants is one thing, but a control freak is another thing completely.

Final analysis: Proceed with caution



## THE STROLLER

Next, we have The Unfaithful Tart. These girls have the horrible habit of sleepwalking their way into another guy's cabin. No matter how sure a guy is of their relationship, cheating is always among our biggest fears.

If it's ever happened to you, you know that it leaves you paralyzed, feeling like you were shot through the heart. Being honest and upfront with the girl is always the best way to prevent it.

Final Analysis: Don't pick her up at a bar.

Thirdly, we have the Money-Grubbing Wench. This is pretty self explanatory. These women are superficial as hell and are just looking for the four animals; a mink on their shoulders, a jaguar in

the garage, a tiger in bed and a jackass to pay for it all.

## Final Analysis: Trouble.

Next we have the "Let's Get Married" chick. This girl has been great to you for months, maybe years, but now she's forcing the marriage topic down your throat. Nothing can make a guy sweat quite like the word "commitment".

Final Analysis: Don't let her pressure you into anything.

Finally, this brings us to the "Happily Ever After Girl". This is the girl that can do no wrong in your eyes. She keeps you on your toes, is the sweetest girl you've ever met and definitely the most beautiful woman you've ever seen.

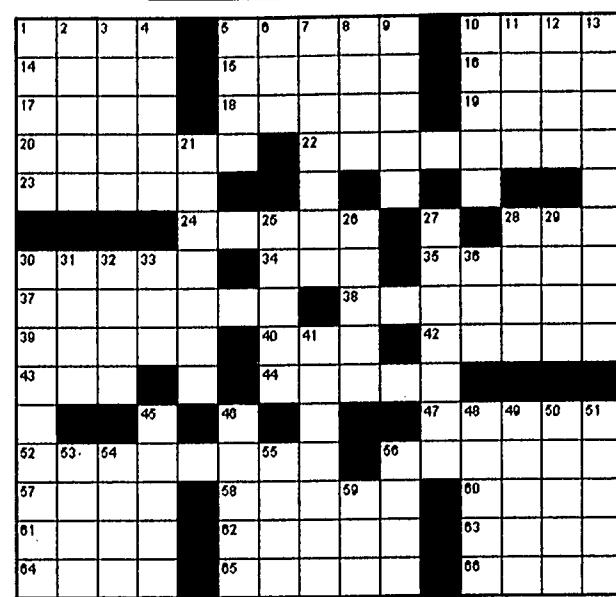
## Final Analysis: You can't pass this one up, but good luck finding her.

Guys will never fully understand the opposite sex, but one day, if you're lucky, you just might meet someone that makes sense for you. Women drive us crazy and sometimes make us do things we don't want to do.

But, the truth is that having a good woman in your life makes everything worthwhile.

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## Across

1. Dog cry
5. Titles
10. Musical percussion instrument
14. Supreme Norse god
15. Century plant
16. Republic of Ireland
17. Brood
18. Selected
19. Coal waste
20. Current of air
22. Narrative poem by Keats
23. Inward feeling
24. Public transport
28. Mineral spring
30. Grass cutting implement
34. Vigor
35. German submarine
37. Lift up
38. Attack
39. Debris
40. Call of the crow
42. Funeral fires
43. Distinguished Service Medal
44. From that time
47. Long-bodied short-legged dog
50. Go into
52. Drop of rain
56. Not these
57. Decades
58. Shun
60. Absent without leave
61. Roused
62. Animation
63. Act of despoliation
64. Variety of chalcedony
65. Go into
66. Former spouses

## Down

1. Explosive weapons
2. Worship
3. Become ripe
4. Leg joints
5. Hub
6. Gone by

7. Afternoon performance
8. Belonging to first lady
9. Enclosed automobile
10. Degerenderize
11. Small rivulet
12. River feeding the Caspian Sea
13. Millions of watts
21. Offspring of a zebra and an ass
25. Eyeglasses
26. Mass of eggs
27. Mistrust
28. Tart
29. Not bright
30. Unpremeditated homicide
31. Literary work
32. Fancy
33. Even (poet.)
36. Body of water
41. Airdrome
45. Sterilize
46. Courageous
48. Chicago airport
49. Apply wax again
50. Search blindly
51. Small islands
53. Great age
54. Resembling ink
55. Baking chamber
56. River in central Europe
59. I have

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